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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2621
Docket No.: 826.1605

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki Takebe et al.

Serial No. 09/577,340

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No. 5834

Filed: May 24, 2000

Examiner: Tom Y Lu

For: PATTERN SEGMENTATION APPARATUS AND PATTERN RECOGNITION APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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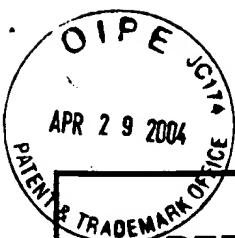
This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on April 29, 2004.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

		Attorney Docket No.	826.1605
		Application Number	09/577,340
		Filing Date	May 24, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Hiroaki Takebe
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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	- 24 =	2	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 36.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	15	- 12 =	3	X \$ 86.00 =	258.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of April 29, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5					
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$330.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					

- (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".
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- (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".
- (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

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- The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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